

JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM

IDENTIFICATION FORM

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AGENCY INFORMATION

AGENCY : HSCA  
RECORD NUMBER : 180-10093-10430

BOSWELL  
6 - HEAD WOUND

RECORDS SERIES :  
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR : HSCA  
FROM : PURDY, DONALD A. JR. BOS  
TO : KELLY, JIM

P 2 - BURKLEY INSISTED ON BETHESDA  
+ NOT ARLC.

TITLE :

2 - BURKLEY SUPERVISING +  
COMMANDING SURVEILLANCE AT A

DATE : 08/17/77  
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2 - ROB MCNAMARA LIAISON BET.  
BURK + FAMILY

SUBJECTS :  
BOSWELL, J. THORNTON  
KENNEDY, JOHN, AUTOPSY  
EVIDENCE, MEDICAL  
BETHESDA NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER

4 - BURK RESISTED THEN ALLOWED COM-  
PLETE AUTOPSY

NO "Y" INCCSCON (CATHY)

5 - BRAIN EXAMINED ON 11-22 + KACANII-

DOCUMENT TYPE : MEMORANDUM  
CLASSIFICATION : U  
RESTRICTIONS : OPEN IN FULL  
CURRENT STATUS : O  
DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 05/07/93

9 - ENTRY HOPE (SKULL) ONLY HALF  
IN EVIDENCE - THE OTHER  
BEING IN THE FRAG BROUGHT IN

OPENING CRITERIA :

10 - X-RAYS PROVED HBF'S ACCOUNT?  
11 - KARNAL - ASSISTED AUTOPSY + ALSO BORN  
12 - THOUGHT PHOTO TAKEN OF LUNG

COMMENTS :

THROAT : 3) MD'S THOUGHT IT WAS A  
WOUND (THROAT WOUND - BULLET

Box 46.

4 ??? WE HAD GOTTEN OURSELVES IN DUTCH WRT NECK  
THROAT WOUNDS = SECRET SERVICE?

8 - B REMEMBER SEEING PART OF A PERIMETER OR A  
BULLET WOUND IN NECK  
PROSECUTORS ASSUMED NECK WOUND WAS EXIT WOUND (JFK ACT)

RELEASED  
NARA (C) DATE 12/2/93

12 - BURKLEY DID NOT MENTION THAT THERE  
HAD BEEN A THROAT WOUND -  
SEE P 12.

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ique from Dallas. BOSWELL indicated that he was the first one contacted (HUMES was on vacation at the time). BOSWELL then contacted the command officer of the medical school and hospital. BOSWELL said he told BRUCE SMITH that it was "ridiculous to do the post here." He said that he was told that DR. BURKLEY had insisted that the President be brought there. BOSWELL felt the post-mortem should have been done at DFIP.

DR. BOSWELL had been concerned that they began the autopsy without any written authorization which is something they never do. Such authorization has to come from the next of kin. He said that JACKIE finally signed an authorization which arrived in the morgue near the end of the autopsy. He indicated that DR. BURKLEY was basically supervising everything that went on in the autopsy room and that the commanding officer was also responding to BURKLEY's wishes. He indicated that ROBERT MCNAMARA seemed to have acted as liaison between the family and DR. BURKLEY, and that MCNAMARA kept his head throughout. He implied that MCNAMARA was never actually in the autopsy room but was working out of the room where the family was staying. DR. BOSWELL indicated that he was notified in the early afternoon of his forthcoming role in the autopsy.

*no true file*

Later that afternoon he went to do some "moonlighting" at Suburban Hospital and was called back approximately 6:00. He said the autopsy began around 8:00 p.m. He said the President's body was removed from the casket. There were a pillowcase and sheets around the head area. Regarding those sheets, DR. BOSWELL